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SERVICE TOPS TABLE FOR NUMBER OF SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTIONS

East Midlands Ambulance Service has topped the league table for taking legal action against people who have assaulted its paramedics.

Figures released by NHS Protect showed that in 2012/13,83 cases were reported and that EMAS - which covers Northamptonshire - followed up by taking sanctions against 75 attackers, giving the service a success rate of nearly 91 per cent.

Nick Arnold investigates attacks for EMAS and works with the Crown Prosecution Service and police to bring at-

tackers to justice. He said: "It's a sad reflection on society that some people who we are trying to help, or even bystanders at incidents, think it's all right to physically assault our staff.

"My team's job is to make sure we track them down and take legal proceedings so they get the message loud and clear ... it isn't acceptable."

The type of sanctions imposed on assailants can vary from anti-social behaviour orders, banning orders, tagging or, in the most extreme cases, imprisonment. To help staff report incidents as quickly as possible, a 24/7 telephone service has been introduced.

Also, staff are reminded of the importance of letting the team know each time they either feel threatened or are subjected to violence and to not treat this as part of the job.

Mr Arnold added: "We've been promoting our zero tol-erance approach for several years, but unfortunately, some people don't learn.

"Alcohol or substance abuse is often put forward as an excuse for appalling behaviour, but I'm afraid that doesn't wash with us or the legal system.

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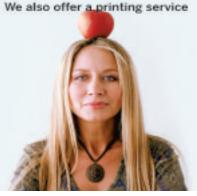
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SAVINGS ROW: (From left) Leader of Northampton Borough Council, Councillor David Mackintosh, Labour group leader, Councillor Terry Wire, and Liberal Democrat group leader, Councillor Brendan Glynane

Job cut fears as council must save another £2 million

A further £2 million will have to be cut from Northampton **Borough Council's budget** over the next two years, the leader of the authority has revealed.

Officials at the Guildhall are currently working out how savings will be made over the coming years, but it is feared some jobs may be cut.

The leader of the authority, Councillor David Mackintosh (Con, Rectory Farm) said that any job losses this year would be small, but he suggested the overall number of people employed by the council by 2015 would be half that of 2011.

He said: "While we do face having to make savings for the next two years, the work we've already done to ensure the back-office and senior management at the Guildhall has been reduced means the savings we'll have to make now won't be as bad as they could have been."

Since 2011, the number of senior managers at the Guildhall has been cut from 21 to 10 and the senior management wage bill has been cut from almost £1.7 million to just over £850,000, Councillor Mackintosh

Overall council staff numbers are also due to fall from 1,200 in 2011 to 600 by

Reflecting on where future savings could be made, Councillor Mackintosh said: "We're looking at all options, but our priority has always been front line services, not expensive bureaucrats."

And the council leader said he believed the authority worked better with fewer

He said: "We've halved the senior management and I believe we're doing a more efficient job.

"We can no longer afford to be an organisation with lots of senior managers sitting at desks giving orders to people," he added.

"We need rangers in our parks and people looking after our communities.

"The days of senior managers have gone."

Full plans for the council budget will be published next week and discussed by the cabinet on December 18.



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Opponents question fresh cuts

OPPOSITION councillors have questioned how the ruling Conservative group will cut a further £2 million from the authority's budget.

And both the Labour and Liberal Democrat leaders have questioned where the cuts are going to be made.

Labour group leader, Councillor Terry Wire (Lab, St James) said he was shocked and surprised by the figure and said he could not see where the money would come from. He said: "I know we have all got to draw in the purse strings but we have already cut down to the bone.

"Labour will be looking at the books and seeing where this money will come from," he added.

Councillor Wire said there was little room to make further savings.

He added: "I just don't know where these cuts are $going \, to \, come \, from \, and \, where \,$ we will find the money.

"I will be waiting with baited breath for what they

Liberal Democrat group leader, Councillor Brendan Glynane (Lib, Delapre and Briar Hill), said removing senior management would lead to the council providing a poor service, as had been seen in children's services at Northamptonshire County Council, he claimed.

"I would say we are already down to the bone," he

"Our services are going to be worse for it. Senior people

do jobs which make the council work.

"As a parallel, look at the county council's children's services.

"What has happened over a number of years is they have got rid of layers of management, and it has cost them.

"The council will cease to operate and function as it

"The leader needs to tell us which services are going to be cut."



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House of Fraser

Shoppers have raised concerns about the future of Northampton town centre following the news that House of Fraser is closing its store, and two other prominent shop units are to be left empty.

Around 60 jobs have been put at risk by last Tuesday's announcement that the Grosvenor Centre's flagship store will be closing in March 2014, to be replaced by branches of Primark and Next.

Primark will be closing its existing store in Abington Street, while Next will shut its branch in Market Walk. Both will move into the space vacated by House of Fraser, at some point over the next 18 months.

The Chron understands Northampton Borough Council is looking at the possibility of redeveloping the Primark site as student flats. Nobody from Market Walk responded to the paper's request for a comment on the future of the Next store. The moves mean the Grosvenor Centre could have its biggest store standing empty for up to 15 months, and it will also create anoth-



CLOSING DOWN: The House of Fraser store in the Grosvenor Centre is to be

er small empty unit next to House of Fraser.

Grosvenor Centre owners, Legal & General, said it was good news that both Primark and Next wanted to "commit for the long term" to the town centre. The closest House of Fraser store will now be in Milton Keynes.

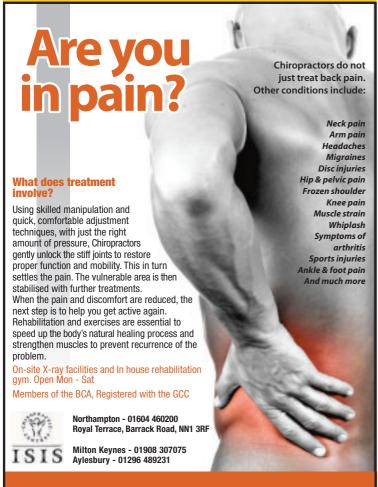
Readers gave their reaction to the news on the Chronicle & Echo's Facebook

David Brotherston said:

"One big retailer departing Northampton, with the potential loss of 60 jobs and two more empty retail units. Not exactly great news."

James Confue said: "Another nail in the coffin, not only for Market Walk, which will now lose another s tore, but another nail in the coffin for Abington Street, which will have another huge vacant property to fill.

"And another nail in the coffin for the retail presence



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Rebecca Iaciofano said: "House of Fraser was the only decent shop in town and has so much history. My custom will be only in MK from

Kelly Arterton-Brack said: "Gutted. What a shame. Northampton is very soon going to be a no-go area full of pound shops and bargain stores."

Council pledges to help affected store staff

■ Northampton Borough Council has pledged to try to help any staff affected by the announcement of the House of Fraser store closure. Council leader, Councillor David Mackintosh (Con, Rectory Farm), said: "The first thing we will do is make contact with House of Fraser to help people facing redundancy. "It is very sad news. It is a store

which brings people to Northampton. But we also have to recognise that Primark and Next have committed to the town."

Councillor Mackintosh said the authority was looking at possible new uses for the Primark store, to coincide with next year's re-opening of the top end of Abington Street to traffic.

Cloudy2Clear Windows - Service With A Smile!

It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

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Unwanted cat was dumped in town bin

An unwanted cat was saved by a bar tender after its callous owner forced the feline inside a plastic bag, dumped it in an industrial sized wheelie bin and left it for dead.

The female cat was saved by a bar worker at Bar Revolution, in Bridge Street, Northampton, last week.

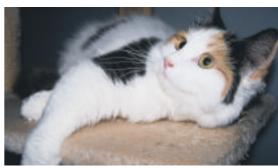
The woman heard a strange noise while she was in the area behind the popular bar.

When she went to see where it was coming from she found the cat cowering at the bottom of the bin.

The young female cat was last week in the care of the $Northampton\, Cats\, Protection$ group, where she was waiting to be re-homed.

Diana Johnson, from Northampton Cats Protection, described the shocking incident as an act of "intolerable cruelty".

She said: "She is a friendly beautiful semi-longhaired tortie and white girl, aged around 18 months. It makes



This cat was put in a plastic bag, dumped in a wheelie bin and left for dead.

no sense at all.

"It is unbelievable why people take on pets and then

suddenly, when the novelty has passed, they no longer want the responsibility."

Homes are at point of 'bursting'

Cat homes in $Nor thampton\, are\, ``full\, to$ bursting" and unable to keep pace with the number of animals being dumped, it has ben claimed.

Diana Johnson said: "We are full to bursting and try to help as many cats as possible with the aid of excellent field-workers, fosterers, finders for new homes and so on, but we cannot keep pace."

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East-Midlands-based Jelson Homes has, this week, launched its first ever toy appeal designed to brighten up Christmas for poorly children who will be spending the festive period in Kettering General Hospital.

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'IT expert helped save my life'

A pensioner who had a cardiac arrest has been reunited with the IT expert who responded to a 999 call and saved her life.

Daphne Muddiman, aged 63, from Gloucester Avenue, Delapre, Northampton, was discovered by her husband, Steve after he found her struggling to breathe in their bathroom.

He dialled 999 and started basic first aid but was immensely relieved when community first responder, Andy Simpson, arrived within four minutes.

Heart experts agree that survival chances decrease by 10 per cent with every minute between cardiac arrest and treatment. So the response time by Andy, whose paid job is owner of an IT company, is likely to have saved Mrs Muddiman's life.

Andy, a South Northants Community First Response (CFR) volunteer, said: "We go to so many patients and it is nice to see the outcome and see them as well as Daphne is now. It was traumatic for Daphne and her husband but to see her in front of me



Dean Carey, paramedic, Steve and Daphne Muddiman and Andy Simpson, a volunteer from the South Northampton Community First Response group.

looking forward to Christmas is fantastic.

A vehicle has been given to the South Northampton CFR scheme by East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) as part of a new plan to get volunteers to 999 calls

In addition to the medical kit, it has a two-way radio, telephone, hands-free kit and satellite navigation system.

Community First Responders (CFRs) attendlifethreatening 999 calls and, by living in the community and being so close, are able to arrive within minutes.

It is only recently that the Muddimans realised it was a volunteer who provided lifesaving care on that day.

Steve said: "We thought the man who helped her was a paramedic. I wrote a letter to East Midlands Ambulance Service to say thank you for the amazing care and help Daphne received and they called me back to say it was, in fact, Andy Simpson, a volunteer who provided the life saving care.

Since learning it was a CFR that saved her life, Daphne decided she wanted to meet Andy Simpson, group coordinator, to thank him in person. Mrs Muddiman said: 'I got upset and there was a few tears but it was lovely"

South Northants Communiuty Responders are looking to recruit more lifesaving volunteers, who will be fully trained by the ambulance service.

information visit www. southnorthantsresponders.

Help for domestic abuse victims

A NEW court protocol has been agreed to help victims of domestic violence during cases in Northamptonshire.

The agreement, which has been accepted by "all agencies" which take part in cases at the specialist domestic abuse court at Northampton Magistrates' Court, should reduce delays and speed up cases.

Northamptonshire Police say the changes will result in victims and witnesses getting more support on the day of a trial, during the case preparation and after sentence.

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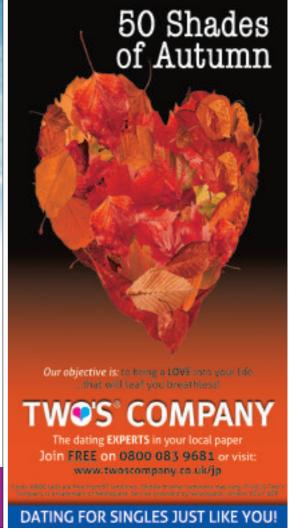
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Drink-driving op is launched

Police have launched the force's annual Christmas drink-driving crackdown and have promised to test any driver who commits a driving offence or is involved in an accident.

Last year saw a huge increase in the number of people who were breathalysed across the county as part of the winter operation, which re-started last Sunday and will again be run throughout December and into the New Year.

Police have warned they will be targeting a similar number of drivers this year.

Sergeant Tony Hopkins, from Northamptonshire Police, said: "Officers across the county are taking part in this campaign and will be conducting tests at all accidents and where driving offences are committed.

"They will also be stopping drivers during the day and night, both to test those who appear to be affected by drink or drugs and to explain what the operation is about.

"As well as dealing with offenders, prevention and education are important, so officers are talking to people and handing out leaflets.

"Many people are unaware of the facts surrounding drink and drug driving and the consequences of doing it."

Last December, officers breathalysed 5,732 people across Northamptonshire and arrested 115 people, two fewer than the 2011 campaign.

In 2011, 2,532 breath tests were carried out and 117 people were arrested.



One of the promotional posters for this year's Christmas drink-drive campaign by police.

Inspector Jen Helm said: "Alcohol and drugs seriously affect the ability to drive and the consequences can be fatal. However, people often forget that the less tragic consequences can often be life-changing; disabling or maiming injuries, guilt, anger, prison, becoming unemployable or uninsurable, and shame.

"There is also the knowledge that no-one will be able to make you feel better by telling you it was worth it.

"We don't want to be seen as party poopers over the festive season - quite the opposite. We want to make sure that no-one is missing a loved one as a result of drink or drug driving."

The force will also be carrying out campaigns on Facebook and Twitter.

Superintendent Andy Cox said: "I want people to understand the harm that drink and drug driving can do and stop and think before getting behind the wheel."

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Housing plans for school land

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In 2004, Northamptonshire County Council scrapped Northampton's middle schools and declared the sites 'surplus to requirements'.

At the height of the property boom, a deal was done to sell 16 of the sites to house developer Barratt for more than £90 million. But when the recession hit, that deal fell through and the majority of sites have since stood empty.

The council has now revealed plans to bring forward housing developments on the former Kingsthorpe Middle School, off Welford Road, and the Northampton Middle School, of Whiston Road, both in Kingsthorpe.

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Kingsthorpe Middle site would see 230 houses built while the Northampton Middle School site would have 170 houses.

Plans submitted to Northampton Borough Council said the Northampton Middle School site would have an impact on traffic in the wider area. They said: "The potential impact of the development is likely to be limited to visual effects of the development on adjacent properties, possible limited disturbance due to dust and noise during construction, and the effects of traffic on the $local\,high way\,network\,during$ construction and operation of the proposed development."

Plans for the Kingsthorpe Middle School site also said the development would have the potential to 'give rise to adverse traffic, air quality and amenity effects' but that these would be fully examined.

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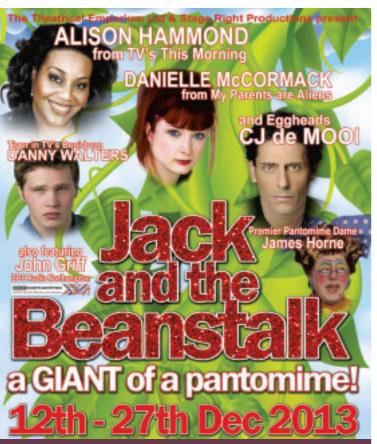


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Ryan Griffiths, of Swale Drive, Kings Heath, was diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes 18 months ago.

Despite this, he ignored doctors' advice and continued with his unhealthy lifestyle.

It was not until Ryan saw a friend's picture of him following a night out in Northampton, that he realised how

bad he had let his health get.
After stepping back on
the scales for the first time in more than a year, he found he had ballooned to 22 stone and vowed to join a gym.

After undergoing an intensive training regime, he lost six stone in five months and his body fat has now

More importantly, the 31-year-old's diabetes nurse was surprised to find his





Ryan Griffiths before and after his training.

blood sugar levels had almost halved, meaning he is now off the medication

Ryan said: "The nurse said it was only the second time she had seen people able to come $off medication \, through \, losing$

"I can't thank the trainers enough for all their advice on my training regime and diet. Diet is by far the biggest change I made, but all their

advice has been invaluable.

"It got to the stage when I had to think about the consequences for my twoyear-old. I very much feel it has saved my life."

Darren Eele, his trainer at PureGym Northampton, said: "It has been an absolute joy to work with Ryan.

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Capsule buried at bus station

Children from Spring Lane School in Northampton buried a time capsule at the new North Gate bus station.

The capsule contains a copy of the latest school newsletter and council minutes, a badge, a copy of the *Chronicle & Echo*, information about regeneration projects happening in the town, and documents, produced by children, detailing 'a day at Spring Lane'.

Four children wrote the documents. Oliwia Wyszyaska said: "I think it's really good other people will know about our school."

Julia Pietniczka said: "The things from our school will give people in the future a picture in their head of us."

Ellie Greenfield said: "Children in the future will be able to learn about us, like we learn about people in history lessons."

Malcolm Tavengwa said:



Children from Spring Lane School in Northampton at the new North Gate bus station. Pictured are Councillor Andre Gonzalez De Savage, from Northamptonshire County Council, Oliwia Wyszynska, Ellie Greenfield, Julia Pietniczka and the leader of Northampton Borough Council, Councillor David Mackintosh

"Time capsules are a way of capturing the past to show in the present."

Councillor Andre Gonzalez De Savage, county council member for transport, said: "The time capsule is a fitting salute to this landmark project that in years to come will provide a snapshot of life in the town at a time when a huge amount of regeneration took place."

Councillor David Mackintosh, leader of Northampton Borough Council, said: "The North Gate bus station is being built tolast, sowedon't expect this capsule will be opened anytime soon."







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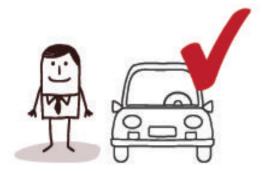


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Boothroyd happy with form

Cobblers boss says team are on right track despite cup loss

FOOTBALL

Aidy Boothroyd insists the Cobblers are improving and that he is a lot happier with their current form despite watching them exit the FA Cup to non-League opposition on Saturday.

Town went out at the second-round stage after a 2-0 defeat at Grimsby Town in a game that extended their miserable run of away form.

Northampton have only scored in three of their 13 games away from Sixfields this season and only won two of them, against Wimbledon and Skrill South side Bishop's

But while going out of the FA Cup, and missing out on £27,000 in prize money as well as a potentially lucrative third-round tie, was a concern for Boothroyd he feels his team, who beat Accrington in their most recent league game but remain second-bottom in the League, is progress-

ing.
"I've been a lot happier with the things we have been doing in the past five or six weeks than we were doing in the first half of the season," he said.

"We're in a situation where

we've had another punch on the nose and we've got to get up from that and get on with it.

"If we go to Bury next week and win then this result will be forgotten.

We're building slowly and we're crawling away from where we are in the league.

"To win a fight you've got to bein a fight and we didn't frustrate Grimsby for long enough in this game, that's something

I wasn't happy with."

Meanwhile, Cobblers goalkeeper Dean Snedker is on the move again, having been snapped up on a loan deal by Banbury United.

Teenager Snedker, who made three appearances in the first team last term, has already spent a spell on loan at Carshalton this season.

He made 19 appearances for the Ryman Premier League League side, but the deal ended last weekend with Snedker $having\, reached\, the\, maximum$ 93-day period.

The Cobblers have wasted no time in fixing him up with another club, and he will stay at Banbury until January 5,

They play in the Calor League Premier Division, the same level as Corby Town, and are enjoying a decent season as they sit eighth in the ta-



TRAVEL SICKNESS - the Cobblers' loss at Grimsby Town on Saturday was their 10th away defeat of the season

Jim: We must not hide | Reddan remains wary

JIM MALLINDER has told the Saints players not to let the heavy defeat to Leinster define them.

And he is urging them to use Saturday's game in Dublin as a springboard to a month of success

Saints head to the Aviva Stadium hoping to avenge last weekend's 40-7 defeat at Franklin's Gardens.

A morale boost will be vital ahead of a return to Aviva Premiership action,

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with games against Wasps, Bath and Harlequins hot on the heels of the Leinster re-

And Mallinder said: "We cannot hide from last Saturday, but we can't let it define us either.

"This week we have an immediate chance to show how quickly we can learn and how much we want to compete with a side who have

been one of the best in Europe for a number of years.

'We want this week to be a springboard for what is a big month for all of our teams. We've got Premiership matches at Wasps and at home to Bath and Harlequins, while the Wanderers have the Aviva 'A' League final next Monday.

"Leinster have shown us the level we need to be at to succeed at the top of the

LEINSTER scrum-half Eoin

Reddan is wary of a backlash from a Saints side he labels 'a big, strong, wounded

Reddan was one of the try scorers last weekend as his team ran riot at Franklin's Gardens, claiming a 40-7 Heineken Cup Pool 1 vic-

Northampton and Leinster will lock horns once again on Saturday, with Jim Mallinder's men desperate to

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make amends for that home horror show.

And Reddan knows he and his team-mates cannot afford to get complacent as they bid to take another big step to-wards a quarter-final place.

'When the score goes like that, protection mode kicks in and you know the potential downfalls of that," said the Ireland international.

"We've all obviously played

a lot of Heineken Cup now and we know the nature of the back-to-back games and we also know the nature of when you've got a wounded animal, especially a big, strong wounded animal back in Dublin next week.

"There's 40,000 tickets sold already and everyone knows it's going to be a big game and that kind of atmosphere and crowd, it'll be another one-off occasion like last Saturday.'

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